Dear Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants hereby petition for a one-month time extension in which to respond to the Office action dated June 24, 2003. The USPTO is authorized to charge this fee, and any additional frees to deposit account no. 502697.

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